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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION**

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In re:

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,<sup>1</sup>  
  
Reorganized Debtor.

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THE CHARITABLE DAF FUND, L.P.,  
  
Plaintiffs,

vs.

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,  
  
Defendant.

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§ Case No. 19-34054-sgj11  
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§ Adversary Proceeding No.  
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**DECLARATION OF JAMES P. SEERY, JR., IN SUPPORT OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL  
MANAGEMENT, L.P.'S AMENDED MOTION TO DISMISS**

<sup>1</sup> The Reorganized Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (8357). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Reorganized Debtor is 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1850, Dallas, TX 75201.

I, James P. Seery, Jr., pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(a), under penalty of perjury, declare as follows:

1. During the bankruptcy case, I was first appointed as a member of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Strand Advisors, Inc. (“Strand”), the general partner of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (the “Highland” or the “Debtor,” as applicable), and later as the Debtor’s Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and Chief Restructuring Officer (“CRO”).

2. In August 2021, upon the occurrence of the effective date of Highland’s Plan, I became Highland’s CEO.

3. I submit this Declaration in support of *Highland Capital Management, L.P.’s Amended Motion to Dismiss* (the “Motion”),<sup>2</sup> being filed concurrently with this Declaration. Unless stated otherwise, this Declaration is based on my personal knowledge, my review of the documents described below, and my communications with certain of Highland’s employees and counsel.

4. Highland is the investment manager for Multi-Strat (defined below) pursuant to the terms of the *Third Amended and Restated Investment Management Agreement, by and among Highland Multi Strategy Credit Fund, Ltd., Highland Multi Strategy Credit Fund, L.P., and Highland Capital Management, L.P.*, dated November 1, 2013.

5. Multi-Strat is a pooled investment fund structured as a “mini master” and consists of Highland Multi Strategy Credit Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the “Master Fund”), and Highland Multi Strategy Credit Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company (the “Feeder Fund”). We refer to the Master Fund and the Feeder Fund collectively as “Multi-Strat.”

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<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed in the Motion.

6. Multi-Strat is managed by Highland, as its investment manager, and its general partner, Highland Multi Strategy Credit Fund GP, L.P. (“MSCF GP”). MSCF GP is wholly-owned by Highland Multi Strategy Credit GP, LLC, which is in turn wholly-owned by Highland. I am the sole officer of MSCF GP. I am also a director of the Feeder Fund.

7. Multi-Strat’s investors include both the limited partners in the Master Fund and the shareholders of the Feeder Fund (which itself is a limited partner of the Master Fund). The ultimate investors, whether direct or through the Feeder Fund, are commonly referred to as Multi-Strat’s limited partners. Multi-Strat’s current limited partners on a consolidated basis are:

<b>Limited Partner</b>	<b>Ownership %</b>
Highland	58.70%
CLO Holdco, Ltd.	4.06%
The Dugaboy Investment Trust	1.71%
Highland Capital Management Services, Inc.	35.10%
Mark Okada	0.43%

8. In addition to the limited partners, there are a number of former “redeemed” limited partners of Multi-Strat.

9. The Charitable DAF Fund, L.P., is not a Multi-Strat limited partner, investor, or “redeemed” limited partner in Multi-Strat.

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I declare under penalty of perjury OF the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: May 27, 2022

/s/ James P. Seery, Jr.  
James P. Seery, Jr.